

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Original) A diagnostic agent for malignant melanoma, which comprises an antibody against GPC3, or a probe or a primer capable of detecting GPC3 expression.
2. (Original) A kit for diagnosing malignant melanoma, which comprises an antibody against GPC3, or a probe or a primer capable of detecting GPC3 expression
3. (Original) A diagnostic method for malignant melanoma, which comprises detecting or measuring GPC3 in a sample.
4. (Original) The diagnostic method according to claim 3, which comprises causing a sample to come into contact with an antibody against GPC3.
5. (Previously Presented) The diagnostic method according to claim 3, which comprises quantifying GPC3 in a sample.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of using GPC3 as a tumor marker for malignant melanoma.
7. (Previously Presented) The diagnostic method according to claim 4, which comprises quantifying GPC3 in a sample.